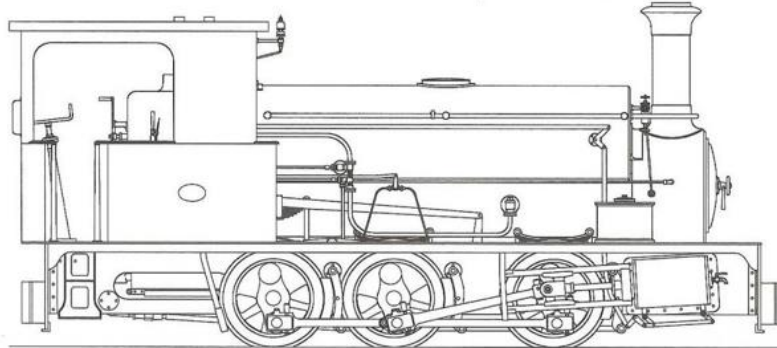


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SHOW GUIDE

WELCOME

Welcome to our 2024 Open Day, the first to be held at Dunchurch Village Hall.

This year's theme is narrow gauge and industrial – so you will see a few layouts from our guests that are not narrow gauge.

The layouts presented show the range of modelling within the group.

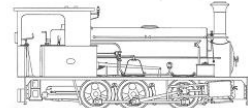
The smallest layout today would fit on a coffee table, whilst the modules within the group have previously been combined to make a run of over 30 feet.

We hope that you enjoy your visit and welcome any feedback.

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GROUP LAYOUTS

ASHE ROCK DOCK

0-16.5 (7mm/ft)

Our Chairman, Bob, is a keen 0-16.5 modeller and member of the 7mmNGA.

Bob has exhibited many times and today's layout is a small dockside track.

Much of the motive power is kit built – often utilising older chassis including Underground Ernie and Triang items.

MODULES

0-16.5 (7mm/ft)

Andi has promoted the modular layout concept within the group.

Members can build their own modules which are typically 4 ft long.

Built to an agreed set of rules the individual modules can be joined to make large layouts offering an opportunity for longer trains than most people can normally accommodate.

The modules can also be joined with units from other groups – creating many variations.

BLACKMOOR GATE

009 (4mm/ft)

Garry's large 009 layout provides an interpretation of the main intermediate station on the Lynton and Barnstaple railway.

Some modeller's licence has been applied to ensure that the trackplan fits the available space.

SEVERN MILL

0-16.5 (7mm/ft)

John's layout represent a factory complex which provides many shunting opportunities.

The layout is compatible with 7mm NGA modular standards and can be joined with others to create a large layout.

SCRAPTON

009 (4mm/ft)

Scrapton is based on a narrow gauge tourist attraction built on part of the trackbed of a closed standard gauge line somewhere in the western region. It is set around the late 1960's and is in it's early days of operation.

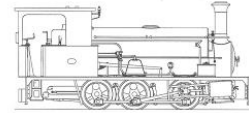
Scrapton got its name simply because, apart from new Peco track and points, everything on it is either from Pete's scrap box or his dismantled 00 gauge layout.

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MORTON YARD

SM32 (16mm/ft)

Built and operated by Pete Blay, the layout demonstrates that you can operate large scale models in a small space and without excessive costs. The baseboard measures just 4ft X 3ft

The track is re-worked Hornby O-gauge tinplate track. Extra sleepers have been fitted to give the impression of a light railway.

Buildings are a mixture of scratchbuilt and re-worked kits.

Locomotives are mostly kit built. All are battery powered and most are radio controlled.

MORTON HILL

009 (4mm/ft)

Morton Hill is the group's 009 layout which gives members a scenic test track for running 009 rolling stock and also provides an opportunity to learn and try techniques on a small layout – which they can then utilise on their own layouts.

The layout was designed to fit in a space box so that it is easy to transport.

It measures just 26" x 20" and demonstrates that you can build 009 in a small space.

The name of the layout comes from the Scout Hut where we hold our meetings. There are two side rooms named Morton and Hill.

CAFÉ TRAMHALTE DE KOMP

H0E/009 (3.5/4mm/ft)

Nick's tiny layout show's that you can fit a lot of interest on a narrow gauge layout in a very small space.

The layout features a small café adjacent to the tramway style tracks.

An overbridge provides additional interest and a scenic break.

HILTEN JUNCTION

009 (4mm/ft)

The layout was built and jointly owned by Martin McCormick and Peter Sidley.

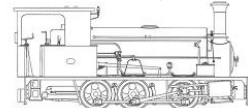
The 00 gauge represents a small country station and junction with a branch line to a distant colliery set around the 1950's.

There is a 009 narrow gauge line running the length of the layout crossing over the 00 line. It is operated from a single control panel with Gaugemaster and Bachmann analogue controllers.

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PINE TWIST

009 (4mm/ft)

Steve joined our group a little over a year ago and we have watched his layout develop from a bare board to the attractive scene exhibited today.

Along the way Steve has experimented with techniques such as static grass which is used to good effect on the rural side of his layout.

WILLEVIE

009 (4mm/ft)

This compact 009 layout provides plenty of operational interest with double track running, a passenger halt and a siding with the engine shed.

The layout is named after Michael's grandchildren (William and Genevieve).

QUARRY END

009/00 (4mm/ft)

A small layout originally built by Kidmore Model Railways, which was recently donated to the group by its latest owner Andy Stubbs.

Based on a near defunct slate quarry, the track plan is intended to allow as much of a 'run' in 009 as the space will allow. The layout represents the 'back end' of a transfer siding between narrow and standard gauge, with the OO gauge 'main-line' entering at low level, where there is a small, very informal platform for occasional passenger use.

HILL FARM

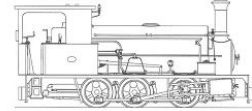
SM32 (16mm/ft)

A brand new layout under construction, Andi's Hill Farm can be operated as a stand alone layout or, as today, can be joined to Morton Yard to double the track length for our SM32 rolling stock.

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GUEST LAYOUTS

AMERY TOWN

009 (4mm/ft)

Amery Town is operated by Peter Bell, one of our guests from the Kettering & District Model Railway Club.

The layout represents a reopened terminus. The line was disused for very many years but recently some enthusiasts have reopened the station to run their growing collection of locos and railcars.

Expect some interesting rolling stock!

REUNITED BISCUITS 00 (4mm/ft)

Showing that we modellers don't always take ourselves too seriously, our guest Michael Baish has brought his Re-United Biscuits layout.

The layout is based around a broken biscuit repair factory set in the north of England. Biscuits are mended and sent back to the shops!

There are many working features including a lorry that transports supplies around the layout.

OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS

3D PRINTING

Gary from the Syston Model Railway club is demonstrating 3D printing.

He can explain the process and dispel any thoughts that it's witchcraft.

He will exhibit a range of 3D printed items which show the versatility of this modelling method.

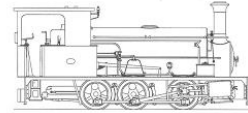


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TRADERS

AMBERLY COMPONENTS

Club member Peter Harris offers a range of components and tools under the Amberly Components banner.

Items for sale include nuts and bolts, baseboard fittings and screwdrivers.

Peter also has coupling components and figures for 0 gauge.

JOHN SUTTON MODELS

John has been involved with narrow gauge railways for over forty years, starting as a fireman on the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway. His roles have included Chairman and examiner for the South Tynedale Railway.

John offers a range of books related to narrow gauge and industrial railways.

On the model side of the business, he specialises in 32mm and 45mm garden railways (both new and second-hand) including live steam.

OLD MODELS

Club member Graeme offers a range of new and second-hand narrow gauge items to suit a range of scales including 009 and 0-16.5.

CLUB SALES

Our club sales table offers bargain items which members have found to be surplus to their requirements!

TONY'S TRAINS

Based at Hillmorton Locks, Tony's Trains is our local model shop which started life as Barby Model Rail.

The shop provides a full range of model railway rolling stock, accessories and building materials from N to 0 gauge.

A secondhand sales area offers many bargains.

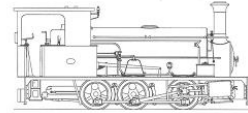
The business was short listed for the Hornby Magazine "Retailer of the Year" award in 2020.

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ABOUT THE HEART OF ENGLAND NARROW GAUGE MODELLERS

Who are you?

We are a group of railway modellers with a shared interest in narrow-gauge railways.

When do you meet?

We normally meet once a month – on a Saturday.

Most meetings are at the 22nd Rugby Scout Hut.

What do you do?

At our meetings members can help with our club layouts, bring their own items to run on the test tracks, or simply meet with other like-minded modellers sharing conversation and advice over a cup of tea.

What scales do you cover?

We welcome modellers for all scale/gauge combinations – as long as its narrow gauge.

We are a recognised group within both the 009 and 7mm Narrow Gauge societies.

Many of our members operate larger scale models (GN-15, SM32).

Can I come to a meeting?

Guests are welcome to come along to our meetings to get to know us and see if you want to join.

How much will it cost?

Members pay a small annual membership fee which goes towards the rental for the hut and the cost of refreshments.

This is just £30 for 2024.

Do I need to be an expert modeller?

We are an “all-ability” group and welcome both longstanding modellers and those who are new to the hobby.

Will there be cake?

There’s always tea and coffee at our meetings – and very often there’s cake too.

Who can I contact for more information?

For further information check out our website or contact Pete Blay info@hoengm.co.uk

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